

Abstract of the Disclosure

5 A user of a personal information manager (PIM) may conveniently input an appointment time in the PIM according to a time zone (e.g., Eastern time zone) different from the default time zone (e.g., Pacific time zone) on which the PIM operates. When the appointment data including the appointment time is synchronized into a database, in accordance with an inventive time-shift approach, the appointment time is initially accepted into the database, and then corrected based on a time range specified by the user, appointments within which are time-shifted from the default time zone to another time zone also specified by the user. In accordance with a second, inventive time-zone qualifier approach, the user when entering the appointment time in the PIM also provides a time-zone qualifier
10 specifying a time zone different from the default time zone. Based on such a qualifier, in a data synchronization, an administrator of the database corrects the appointment time in the PIM to reflect the specified time zone before it incorporates the appointment time into the database.
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